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**FOURTEEN-YEAR SENTENCE FOR FELON IN POSSESSION OF CREDIT CARD  
MAKING EQUIPMENT, METHAMPHETAMINE, AND FIREARMS**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that TIMOTHY RAY TIPTON, 39, of Sacramento, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Lawrence K. Karlton to 14 years imprisonment. On September 26, 2006, he pleaded guilty to possessing credit card making equipment and possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the Roseville Police Department, the United States Secret Service, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Matthew D. Segal and Robin R. Taylor of the United States Attorney's Office's Computer Crime and Intellectual Property unit.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew D. Segal, Roseville Police Detectives, acting on a tip, arrested TIPTON for being under the influence of a stimulant. When they searched TIPTON and his rented SUV, the detectives found that he had counterfeit credit cards, a counterfeit drivers license, a laptop computer, a credit card encoder, a credit card printer, and materials for making false identity documents. TIPTON also had credit card numbers with correspondence indicating that he had obtained the numbers from Eastern Europe over the Internet. TIPTON, who was a convicted felon already at the time, also had a stolen 9mm Glock semi-automatic, a .357 Smith & Wesson revolver, and approximately one quarter pound of crystal methamphetamine.

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